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Collection Overview

Repository:	National Air and Space Museum Archives
Title:	Aviation Photography Collection [Tenety and Sarkis]
Date:	(bulk 1930s -1950s)
Identifier:	NASM.2014.0004
Creator:	Tenety, James, Jr.
Extent:	.62 Cubic feet ((3 boxes)) 29.6 Gigabytes
Language:	English .
Summary:	Negatives and digital images of photographs taken by James Tenety, Jr. and Peter Sarkis.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Emile Faciane, Gift, 2013, NASM.2014.0004

Processing Information

Revised by Amara Pugens, 2024.

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Biographical / Historical

James Tenety, Jr. was an aviation photographer based in Corona, New York, working in the period of the 1930s through the 1950s. Tenety worked in and around New York, particularly at Roosevelt Field, North Beach Airport, and Mitchel Field. Peter Sarkis was another aviation photographer based in New York, New York, who worked in approximately the same time period.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes approximately 2,850 black-and-white 616-size negatives, primarily by James Tenety, Jr., with about 50-60 taken by Peter Sarkis, depicting various aircraft, people, and aviation-related events. The collection also contains pocket-sized notebooks by Tenety, detailing the dates and locations of his photographs, and a thumb drive provided by the donor consisting of scans of most negatives.

Aircraft represented in this collection include models by Aeronca; Aeromarine; Alexander; Antonov; Alliance; Allenbaugh; Avro; Arrow; Armstrong Whitworth; American Eagle; Babcock; Barkley-Grow; Beechcraft; Bell; Bellanca; Bennet; Bennett-Breese; Berliner-Joyce; Bird; Blériot; Boeing; Brewster; BAC (British Aircraft Corp); Brown; Brown-Young; Bucker; Buhl; Burnelli; Bushey-McGrew; Cairns; Cant; Caproni; Caudron; Cessna; Chamberlin; Chambers; Chester; Columbia; Commandaire; Consolidated; Crosby; Crouch-Bolas; Cunningham-Hall; Curtiss; Culver; Davis; de Havilland; Delgado; Dornier; Douglas; Earl Aviation; Eastman; Erco; Fairchild; Federal; Avia (Czech); Fleet; Fleetwings; Focke-Wulf; Folkerts; Fokker; Ford; Franklin (Aircraft Corp); Funk (OH); General Aircraft Corp; Globe; Granville Brothers Aircraft Inc; Great Lakes; Grumman; Gwinn Aircar; Hawker; Hawks; Heath; Hughes; Jones (Ben); Kellett; Keystone; Kinner; Koppen; Keith Rider; Laird; Latécoère; Lincoln (Aircraft); Lockheed; Loening; Luscombe; McDonnell; Martin; Melberg-Greenameier-Ward; Mercury (Aircraft Inc); Meyers (Aircraft); Mignet; Miles; Monocoupe; Morane-Saulnier; Thomas-Morse; Naval Aircraft Factory (NAF); Nicholas-Beazley; New Standard; Nieuport; Noorduyn; North American; Northrop; Parks; Pearson-Williams; Percival; Piper; Pitcairn; Pitt; Porterfield; Raab-Katzenstein; Rearwin; Republic; Ryan; RWD; Savoia-Marchetti; Schreck; Seversky; Short; Sikorsky; Security; Sopwith; SPAD; Spartan (OK); Spencer-Larsen; Star Cavalier; States; Stearman; Stearman-Hammond; Stinson; Supermarine; Sundorph; Swallow; Taylor; Taylorcraft; Thaden; Tilbury-Fundy; Travel Air; Turner-Laird; Verville (Aircraft); Bourdon (Viking); Vought; Volmer; Waco; Wallace; Waterman; Wedell-Williams; Welsh; Westbrook; and Wittman (Steve).

People depicted in the images include Hanna Reitsch; Max Constant; J. G. "Tex" Rankin; Alford Joseph "Al" Williams; Douglas "Wrong-Way" Corrigan; Howard Robard Hughes; Anthony W. "Tony" LeVier; Frank Hawks; Jacqueline "Jackie" Cochran (Bessie Lee Pittman); Roscoe Turner; Rudy A. Kling; Laura Houghtaling Ingalls; Earl Ortman; Arthur Charles Chester; Lee Gelbach; Steve J. Wittman; Bernarr MacFadden; James Harold "Jimmy" Doolittle; J. Errol Boyd; Alex Papanas; Fannie Hurst; Barnard Carl Capehart; and Russell Holderman.

Arrangement

Arranged by media type, thereunder alphabetically by subject or aircraft.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Aeronautics
- Air pilots
- Airplanes

Types of Materials:

- Black-and-white negatives
- Digital images

Names:

Roosevelt Field (N.Y.)
Sarkis, Peter.

Container Listing

Photography

Negatives

.54 Cubic feet

Digital Images

29.6 Gigabytes

A.V.Roe

Abrams

Administrative Information

Aeromarine Klemm

Aeronca

Alexander

Allenbaugh

Alliance-Argo

American Eagle

Antonov

Armstrong Whitworth

Arrow

Babcock Videk

Barkley-Grow

Beechcraft

Bell

Bellanca

Bennet

Berliner-Joyce

Bird

Bleriot

Boeing

Brewster

British Aircraft

Brown

Brown-Young

Bucker

Buhl

Burnelli

Bushey-Mcgrew

C.A.N.T

Cairnes

Canadian Car & Foundry

Caproni-Caudron

Caudron

Cessna

Chamberlain

Chambers

Chester

Colombia

Command-Aire

Consolidated

Crack-Ups

Crosby

Crouch-Bolus

Culver

Cunningham-Hall

Curtiss

Davis

Dehavilland

Delgado

Dornier

Douglas

Earl Populaire

Eastman

Erco

Everly

Fairchild

Federal

Fedol

Fiesler

Flamingo

Fleet

Fleetwings

Focke Wulf

Fokker

Folkerts

Ford

Franklin

Funk

General

Globe

Gourdon

Granville Brothers

Gray

Great Lakes

Grumman

Gwinn

Hall

Hamburger Flugzebau

Hawker

Hawks

Heath

Howard

Hughes

Jensen

Jones

Keith Rieder

Kellett

Keystone

Kinner

Koppen

Kranich

Laird

Latecoere

Light Aircraft Developers

Lighter Than Air

Lincoln

Lockheed

Loening

Loose Spec Racer

Luscombe

M.G.W

Mac Donald

Marcoux-Bromberg

Martin

Mcdonnell

Melberg-Greenemeier

Mercury Chick

Metal Aircraft

Meyers

Mignet

Miles

Military Aircraft

Misc

Monocoupe

Monospar

Morane Saulnier

National

Naval Aircraft Factory

New Standard

Nicholas Beazley

Nieuport

Noorduyn

North American

Northrop

Parks

Pearson-Williams

Percival

Personalities

Pilgrim

Piper

Pitcairn

Pitt Special

Porterfield

Privateer

Rabb-Katzenston

Racing Aircraft

Rearwin

Republic

Rider

Ross

Rwd

Ryan

S.P.A.D

Savoia Marchetti

Schreck

Schweitzer

Security

Seversky

Short

Siai-Marchetti

Sikorsky

Sopwith

Spartan

Spencer-Larsen

Star

States

Stearman

Stearman Hammond

Stinson

Sundorph

Supermarine

Swallow

Taylor

Taylorcraft

Thaden

Thomas Morse

Thunderbird

Tilbury

Travel Aire

Turner-Brown

Tuscar Metal

Unfiled Negatives

Verville

Viking

Volmer

Vought

Vultee

Waco

Wallace

Waterman

Wedell-Williams

Welsh

Westbrook

Wittenbeck

Wittman

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Documentation

Notebooks

Scope and Contents: Two notebooks detail the dates and locations of the photographs taken by James Tenety. The other two notebooks were used as photo albums, which no longer contain photography.

"Airplane Photos"

"Diary of Photographs"

"List of Airplane Photos and Dates on Which They Were Taken"

[untitled photo notebook]

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Notes: This PDF file was converted from a spreadsheet created by the donor to provide the Museum with information regarding the photography within this collection. The document contains data related to each negative, listing its date, location, and filing numbers in addition to the manufacturer and aircraft registration of the airplanes depicted in each image.

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